

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 5 beginning on page 6 and ended on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

A mat 26 rests upon an upper surface 28 of the bottom wall 14. Turning also to FIG. 2, the mat 26 has a plurality of apertures ~~32~~30 therethrough and upwardly ascending projections ~~34~~32 therefrom. Preferably, the mat is formed of a medical grade silicone or some other medically suitable, flexible elastomer or plastic, having sufficient heat resistance capabilities to withstand the heat of a steam sterilization cycle, and which is inert to chemical sterilants, and sufficiently nonabsorbent to chemical sterilants, such as hydrogen peroxide and ethylene oxide, so as to not interfere with the sterilization process. The style, arrangement and number of the apertures 30 and projections 32 can be varied by those of skill in the art.